

RUMORS AFLOAT OF TREASURY CHANGES

Mr. Shaw's Oyster Bay Visit Causes Much Alarm.

SUBORDINATES WATCHFUL

General Shaking Up Feared by Clerks—Iowan Said to Be Very Anxious to Increase Efficiency of His Department in Every Way Possible.

That President Roosevelt has summoned several members of his cabinet to Oyster Bay for personal conference has occasioned more than the usual amount of interest to the officials and clerks in those departments, because of persistent rumors that important matters of policy are at stake.

When the visits of Secretaries Shaw and Moody to the President's Long Island home are talked about in their official precincts here, there invariably enters into the discussion some suggestion or other, amounting almost to a prophecy, that "something is going to drop," and that in consequence it behooves each Government worker to be on the lookout.

Many of the leading officials and clerks of the Treasury Department are now scanning the Oyster Bay dispatches in the newspapers with more than the usual amount of personal interest, not to say apprehension, because of the present visit there of Secretary Shaw. Almost concurrently with Mr. Shaw's going away all the rumors in circulation since his taking office seemed to be rejuvenated in some form or other in the quarters where they would engage the greatest amount of interest. The question Treasury workers are asking one another is whether the Oyster Bay trip is going to mean any of those reports to have a basis in reality, with dire consequences to some one or other, or whether the midsummer dullness will continue undisturbed as in the past.

President's Action Quoted.

In support of many of the rumors regarding possible changes in his position, there is invariably quoted the action of President Roosevelt in the New York immigration office clearing-up of about two months ago. In that instance affairs were found to be so complicated that the President simply determined to make a clean sweep of all those in any way connected with the office rather than out any one official and thus put him in the possible position of claiming that he had been made a scapegoat for the failings of others.

In regard to the report that sweeping changes in the personnel of the Treasury Department's executive force were contemplated and that this would be the main theme under discussion at Oyster Bay during Secretary Shaw's visit there, the opinion of the latter was sought just before his departure from this city for Oyster Bay, where he arrived on Friday. The Secretary will be there over Sunday, and the general expectation here is that the work of his department will have a very thorough threshing over. As the rumors were repeated, in order, the Iowan exhibited signs of varying interest, with occasional indications of surprise.

Mr. Shaw's Disclaimer.

"Just say that I am not a professional reformer," he commented, suavely, bunched all the reports under one head for the time being. "There are often found to be methods in use which may easily be improved upon, if the proper amount of the time and study are given to their consideration, and working them over. Again, after much experimenting, the old way may prove to have been the best after all. We are simply going along here to make the best record possible in our work, and I have faith in being well seconded in my efforts by those I look to for the greatest amount of help."

"Some time ago when there seemed to be an impression in some quarters that certain kind of work in the department was not being done in just the best way, I investigated and found that the plan could be improved upon very materially. When that had been done, the same officials who were there before, gained the cordial approval of the very people who had previously criticized them most harshly. It was merely a case where the system was to be blame, and not the men."

Officials on the Lookout.

Mr. Shaw was very cautious about making any comment as to whether any action might be decided upon at Oyster Bay in regard to one or two of the rumors which have long been in circulation regarding the further tenure in office of several officials of high station in the department. It would be manifestly improper, he said, to touch upon any rumors or even to admit that the statements in question were under any official consideration.

Though the Oyster Bay trip may have important consequences to the department, it is not believed that any announcement will of necessity follow immediately. Notwithstanding this, however, Treasury officials and clerks are keeping a weather eye to windward and are watching for Oyster Bay dispatches telling of Mr. Shaw's departure down Long Island Sound bound for Washington.

BROUGHT SUIT UNDER OLD CODE.

Three Women Released From Marital Bonds for Husbands' Desertion.

Three women who were deserted by their husbands were yesterday released from the bonds of matrimony. The decrees severing them from the men who failed to support them were signed by Mr. Justice Hagner, who had examined the testimony in the different cases.

The first was in the case of Mary Frances Allen against Charles Allen. The separation was granted the wife because of the desertion of her husband. In the next, Elizabeth E. McClure was granted a divorce from her husband, Henry O. McClure, on similar grounds.

Mrs. Mary Froerer was allowed a divorce from her husband, Andrew Froerer, on the ground of desertion. Proceedings in these suits were begun before the code went into effect in January last, when the biblical ground was made the single cause for absolute divorce. There are two or three hundred of similar cases upon the docket, which it is expected will be disposed of before the close of the year.

HOT CRUSADE AFTER WRITERS OF POLICY

Two Arrests Made by the Police Department.

Pipes, Rings, Cigarette Papers and Various Other Hiding Places for the Books—Detectives on the Alert.

"No moah policy for me," is an expression frequently heard made by members of the colored race haunting the places where this fascinating game of the numerical combinations is in evidence.

Loss of appetite for its attractions has only been a condition since it became generally known that to write for the shops and be caught at it is to be subject to a penitentiary sentence.

Detective R. C. Watson, whose vigilance is directed wholly to the breaking up of infractions of the District laws relating to the game, has had few arrests since the amendment to the code went into effect. The first was made a week ago, the victim being William Brown, colored, now awaiting the action of the grand jury.

The second arrest was made yesterday afternoon. Most of yesterday's detective spent in Jackson City, where, since the fire, there has been but one shop where drawings are made. That is in the rear of a saloon. There are, however, dozens of writers for the place, though precautions against discovery with books on their person have been increased.

Tracked to Washington.

Richard Coates, colored, probably forty years of age, was busy over there for several hours and was trailed to Washington by the detective. When well within the District boundaries Coates was placed under arrest. He made the usual plea that he never wrote the game, but did play it occasionally. The detective has caused to be issued summonses for three witnesses who will swear that they made investments with Coates.

Findings of books on the persons of suspects is sufficient evidence to convict, and the writers take many novel ways of secreting the writings. For instance, the books are written on cigarette papers in many instances, and it is not unusual to find a \$10 book on one paper.

These policy books are often found in queer places. A favorite hiding place is in a frayed buttonhole, the paper being secreted between the linings of the coat. The texture of the paper makes detection exceedingly difficult.

Other Secret Receipts.

Another place that has been used by the writers is under the charge of tobacco in their pipes. The paper is wadded up in the form of a pellet, and in the event of a detective approaching him, the policy promoter will apply a match to the pipe and begin to smoke. If the investigation results in his release the writer will carefully knock the ashes from his pipe, separate the paper from the unburned tobacco, and it is as efficacious in catching "suckers" as ever.

If the suspect is unable to satisfy the officer, and he is held, he continues to puff away until the incriminating evidence is entirely consumed. Detective Watson found one writer who secreted his book within a seal ring, between the finger and the setting. Others form pellets of the papers, hold these between the fingers, and drop them in time of danger. There are a hundred other methods of evading trouble with the police, but the shrewd eyes of the detectives are steadily making discoveries, and it is growing difficult to carry policy papers where they will not be located.

JOHN NELSON IN JAIL.

Alleged Firebug Does Not Expect to Be Convicted.

The fears of former associates of John C. Nelson, the alleged gambler, who is in jail in Alexandria county, Virginia, charged with having set fire to the Jackson City shanties, that he would secure his release on bail before the hearing of the case before Justice of the Peace E. F. Thompson at Rossmore, appear to have been groundless. The justice has intimated that he would not hear the application of Nelson for bail until the preliminaries.

When Nelson was apprised of the attitude of the justice he became resigned to remaining in jail until Tuesday, when a bond will be fixed in accordance with the showing made in court at the preliminaries. Nelson has proved an exceptionally well behaved prisoner. It is said he is very confident that he will not even be held for the grand jury. He says he has no doubt that a trial of the case would result in his acquittal.

DRASTIC MEASURES SAVED HORNE'S LIFE

Would-Be Suicide Relieved by Use of a Stomach Pump.

Columbus Horne, the young man whose attempt at suicide Friday night by taking a liberal dose of laudanum was frustrated by the application of a stomach pump by the physicians of Providence Hospital, was declared out of danger yesterday. It is asserted that Horne's attempt Friday was the fourth he has made at taking his life, each one of which has failed through the prompt action of persons who detected his efforts.

Horne is twenty-three years of age and lives at 632 L Street southeast.

Dependancy because of his inability to secure work is believed to be the cause of his attempt.

NO LONGER SHAMMING.

Frank Fitzgerald Not Playing Crazy Any More.

Frank Fitzgerald, charged with the robbery of Abraham Whitney, a Georgia planter who was visiting this city, has given up his attempt to convince the police that he is crazy.

He has resumed his normal attitude, but is greatly incensed at the refusal of the police to be hoodwinked. His hearing will be held Wednesday.

AUDITOR WAS IN ERROR.

Retired Army Officer Held in Service Entitled to Full Pay.

Mr. Tracewell, Comptroller of the Treasury, yesterday disapproved of the decision of the Auditor for the War Department, in which the latter held that an officer retired for age under the act of June 26, 1882, is chargeable with notice of his retirement on the date he becomes sixty-four years of age, and that he is not entitled to active pay after that date unless thereafter employed on active duty other than the command of troops, in the discretion of the President in time of war.

The Comptroller, in his decision, said, in part: "If an officer, through an exigency of the service, is actually held to the performance of active service after the time when he should be retired, that is, withdrawn from active service, which delay is without any fault of the officer, and is a mere incident to his retirement and transfer from the active to the retired list, I know of no legal principle that would deprive him of the pay which he has actually earned by service which the Government not only accepted, but compelled him to perform."

"The order of October 25, 1901, retiring Major Francis B. Jones, does retire him in the sense that it will not require another order to retire him, but so long as he is held by competent military authority to the performance of active service as an incident to his retirement, his retirement is in abeyance and incomplete, and does not become effective so as to reduce his pay from active service to retired pay during the time he was so held to active service."

It is the opinion of the Auditor should ascertain from the War Department whether Major Jones was held by competent military authority to the performance of active service from October 26 to December 21, 1901, and if the War Department should determine that he was so held for the whole, or any part, of said period, he should be paid active service pay for the time he was so held. The decision of the Auditor is not approved."

CENSURE FOR POLICEMEN.

Recommendation in Case of Privates Burlingame and Walsh.

Commissioner Macfarland, in passing upon the recommendation of Major Sylvester, Superintendent of Police, relative to Privates G. E. Burlingame and T. E. Walsh, who were reported for playing poker in Baer's Hall, in Georgetown, a few weeks ago, made the following statement:

"The offense of these officers was a grave one and merited the condemnation which it has received. In view of their previous good services and the testimonials to their general good character, and especially of the recommendation of the Chief of Police, that mercy be shown them, I recommend that the officers in question be deprived of an equal amount of their annual leave, that they be reprimanded by the Superintendent of Police, and that they be transferred, in his discretion, to another precinct. It is believed that these officers have learned the lesson of this very regrettable occurrence."

BABY LION REFUSED BOTTLE AND STARVED

Cast Off by Its Mother and Foster-Mother.

Great Dane Dog for a Time Fed Zoo Cub, But Later Rebelled Against Charge.

A cub of one of the finest lionesses at the National Park Zoo has succumbed to death from want of parental care, and while being nursed on a bottle.

It was about a week ago that one of the African lionesses gave birth to two cubs, one of which died several hours afterward from an injury sustained by its mother stepping on it. After killing one of her young, the lioness took a violent dislike to the other and refused to mother it. When Dr. Frank Baker, superintendent of the Zoo, and Head Keeper Blackburn saw that the proper affection was lacking, they made up their minds to save it if possible.

The same lioness gave birth to a pair of cubs a little more than a year ago, both of which died for lack of care and attention. This time Dr. Cecil French came to the front and said that he had a Great Dane dog which he thought might foster the young lion.

This was thought to be a good suggestion. With great difficulty the young lion was taken from its mother. As soon as the unaffectionate mother realized that the keepers were going to take her offspring from her she raised a great howl and fought everyone who came near the cage door.

The keeper played a game of strategy and won. They secured the little one and took it to Dr. French's dog hospital, which is just north of the Zoo, on Kingle Road.

Tried a Great Dane.

It was thought that perhaps the Dane would not take kindly to the neglected one.

When the newcomer was placed in the litter the Great Dane looked at it rather questioningly, nosed it from head to foot, laid down and allowed it to nestle to her as she would one of her own.

The manner in which the dog took to the lion pleased the keepers, and they were very much gratified and in hopes that the foster mother would rear the baby to a strong and healthy animal.

For a day or so the little fellow and his new friend were great chums. Neither showed a sign of distrust. Sometimes there would be a little crowding, but no serious altercations.

Imagine the chagrin of the authorities of the Zoo when a day or so after the cub had been placed with her the

Dane refused it nourishment. The keepers were uncertain as to what to do. It was at last decided that the cub should be nursed on a bottle. One was provided and for a meal or two the cub seemed satisfied. Later it rebelled and refused to be nourished in any such manner. The result was that the little one died.

The Zoo authorities refused to speak of the affair. They say that the death of a lion cub is a matter of little importance. Dr. Frank Baker, when asked, refused emphatically to say anything about its death.

Not a New Experiment.

The experiment of the Zoo authorities is by no means a new one. It has been tried several times before, with more or less success. The Dane is generally chosen on account of its great strength and intelligence. It is one of the most intelligent of the canine family.

Large cruises and traveling managers frequently carry a dog of this species with them, for the sole purpose of nourishing the young lions and tigers. The chief reason for this is that a mother lion is often prejudiced against her young, and will kill them. Another reason is that the lion reared with a tractable animal is more apt to be easily tamed when it is sufficiently old to be trained for duties with a show.

When a lion is put with a litter of pups it is too young to feel the importance of its royalty, but as it grows older it begins to show fight. With this desire steadily growing, some day, when in a bad humor, it attacks its chums. The dogs easily handle the young lion, and give it such a whipping that it never forgets, and is willing for the rest of its life to acknowledge the dog to be its master.

The mother of the dead cub is thriving nicely at the Zoo in her cage, and looks as contented as possible.

JUNIOR CONGRESS MEETS.

Resolution Adopted Indorsing Senator Mason for Renomination.

The Junior Congress, a debating society composed of postgraduates of Georgetown, Columbia, Yale, National, Chicago, Harvard and other great universities, met last night in the hall at Columbia University. Considerable routine business and matters of general interest to the members was attended to.

Upon the motion of Orlan Clyde Cullen the following resolution was unanimously adopted, amid much cheers and much enthusiasm:

"Whereas Senator William E. Mason has by his broad statesmanlike conduct as a member of the United States Senate and an honorary member of the Junior Congress of the United States, won the admiration and support of members of all parties, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we do most heartily and unconditionally indorse Senator Mason for re-election to the United States Senate, believing that the good people of the State of Illinois could not do better than to return so able a statesman, so valiant a champion of the right and so true a friend to all mankind to the United States Senate, where his presence will ensure to the good of the whole country."

WILL OF COLONEL M'KAY NOT YET FILED

Three Weeks Since Death Lapse Without Action.

Reported That Supposed Millionaire Had Turned Property Over to a Friend in Trust.

Although more than three weeks have elapsed since the death of Col. Nathaniel McKay, at Atlantic City, his will has not yet been offered for probate.

Since his death there has been a great deal of speculation as to whether the will is to be filed in this city or in Guthrie, Okla., which was his last known place of legal residence.

About ten days ago Attorney Henry F. Woodard, one of the executors named in the will, left Washington, and it was at once concluded that he had gone to Guthrie for the purpose of offering the will of Colonel McKay for probate. Mr. Woodard has, however, returned to the city and the document has not been filed.

While many are speculating as to when and where the will was to be filed, there were others who discussed only the probable value of the estate left by Colonel McKay. Opinion on this subject differed widely, the value being estimated variously at sums between \$200,000 and \$5,000,000.

While these matters were being discussed, it was also intimated that Colonel McKay some time before his death had placed all his property, real and personal, in trust with a friend. There is no written contract of this trust, it is said, it having been made by Colonel McKay with the full confidence of the person he named as trustee.

The whole transaction, it is stated, was based on a verbal agreement between Colonel McKay and his friend. While there are a great many who believe that such a contract was made, still there are others who contend that Colonel McKay was too good a man of business to enter into such an agreement.

SPANISH WAR HISTORIAN.

Capt. J. B. M. Taylor Designated to Compile Matter.

Capt. John B. M. Taylor, of the Fourteenth Infantry, now on duty in the Division of Insular Affairs of the War Department, has been designated by Secretary Root for the duty of writing a history of the Spanish-American War.

His work will cover the military history of the United States during the last six years, including the Cuban surrection of 1896. Already he has begun to collect data for his task, which will occupy many months. The work will be one of the chief tasks of the new Insular Bureau.

GOLDENBERG'S "The Dependable Store," Seventh and K Sts. GOLDENBERG

A RUMMAGE SALE

WE take stock Thursday evening. Before that time it is imperative that we dispose of every small lot and broken, and cut down the full assortments besides. From ground floor to stockrooms the clearance policy, determinedly forces its way. With this fixed and set purpose before us prices are cut until they bear

\$3.00 Shirt Waist Suits, \$1.25.

The close-out of a maker's entire stock of Shirt Waist Suits brings about this great offering. The Suits are of finest quality imported woven Madras, with waists cut full blouse styles, and sixteen rows of narrow tucking down front; stock collar with embroidery trimming. Neat stripes, in all the season's most favored colors, such as gray, blue, oxford, pink, old rose, etc.; also black and white checks. Sizes 34, 36, and 38 only. These identical Suits brought \$3.00 readily enough all season. Choice now at **\$1.25**

Summer Corsets, 29c.

25 dozen Summer Corsets, closed out from the "R. & G." Co., are to be distributed among our customers tomorrow at this little price. Of Fancy Figured Batiste, straight front, and medium length. Made on the same lines as the R. & G. Dollar Corset. All sizes, 18 to 20 inches. Monday for **29c**

A Wash Goods Rummage.

The small lots and pieces left from the active business. All marked at prices that will send them out flying tomorrow. 35 pieces of Figured Lawns, mostly in dark grounds. Sold at 12 1/2c. **5c** 18 pieces of Lace Lawns, Figured Batiste, and Linen Effects—qualities sold for 12 1/2c. **6c** 10 pieces of Plain Colored Elclair de Sole, in pink and light blue only. Sold for 25c. **12 1/2c**

Rummage Prices for Housefurnishings, Screens, Etc.

2 Ranney Refrigerators **\$7.39** sold at \$8.25, at... 1 Ranney Refrigerator, sold **\$8.98** at \$10.20, at... 2 Ranney Refrigerators **\$14.39** sold at \$17.28, at... 1 Ranney Refrigerator, sold **\$7.98** at \$9.49, at... 3-burner Star Oil Stove, with 3 1/2-inch wicks and safety water **59c** pan... Best quality Jelly Glass, with light-fitting top. Special... **1 1/2c** Walnut-finished Screen Doors in all sizes. Bring measure. **59c** Complete with fixtures... Oak Window Screens, with steel trimmed, plain hemstitched; others with fast color novelty borders. Regular 36 and 48c. **39c** 42 inches. Regular price, 50c... Walnut-finished Window Screens, 34 inches high; open to 38 1/2 inches; steel centers; was 35c... **17c**

A Matting Rummage.

High-grade Mattings, consisting of heavy Jointless China Mattings. Patterns are in the prettiest, latest, and most desirable designs, and some. No better grades can be found in this city selling at 25c a 14 yard-for... **14c** Genuine Linen-wrap Japanese Mattings. Best assortment of choicest and best effects; newest carpet weavings and novelty designs, and heaviest grade Seamless China, close woven and strictly reversible. 25c and 30c values for... **19c**

no resemblance to former value or actual worth. We've gone "rummaging," and every small lot thus brought to light will be speedily turned into cash. "The Dependable Store" is rightfully the busiest spot in town—for where the biggest values are, there you'll find the crowds. And tomorrow's offerings are strong enough to bring out the biggest crowds this store ever held.

Sale of White Goods.

10 pieces of White Corded Lawns, in three different patterns. **38c** Rummage Sale price, per yard... 12 pieces of plain Colored Imported French Organdie, and also English Dimity, in a few colors. Sold at 25c to 30c a yard. **12 1/2c** 25 pieces of Fancy Lace Striped and Hemstitched Effect Lawns, which sold at 12 1/2c. In the Rummage Sale... **7 1/2c** 6 pieces of fine Imported Figured Figue and Mercerized Madras. Sold at 25c and 30c a yard. **15c** 8 pieces of Plain Colored Lawn, in pink, blue, lemon, and black. **5c** Rummage price... 20 pieces of Dutch Swiss sheer quality; in several size dots. Sold at 10c a yard—but we find what are left have slight imperfections. In the Rummage Sale they go **6c** at... 10 pieces of 48-inch White Persian Lawn, sheer quality and elegant finish. Regular 25c and 30c. **21c** 20 pieces of sheer quality White India Linen, full lengths, clean and fresh from the mill. Tomorrow at... **7 1/2c**

Rummage Sale of Domestics.

500 dozen \$1x30 Mohawk Sheets, full double bed size. Each Sheet bears Mohawk Mill ticket. **49c** For the Rummage Sale... 6 cases of \$1x30 Unbleached Sheets—full double bed size. Hand Spun and Ironed. Rummage Sale. **33c**

Laces and Embroideries at Rummage Prices.

Regular 8c and 10c Embroideries, in cambric and Swiss, both insertings and edgings; also handkerchiefs; wanted widths. Tomorrow **3 1/2c** Regular 12 1/2c Swiss, Cambric, and Nainsook Embroideries. Insertings to match; also popular headings; great assortment of edgings at patterns. Reduced to **6 1/2c** Regular 15c and 18c Embroideries, of finest cambric, Swiss, and nainsook, in all widths and a bewildering assortment of beautiful patterns. Readings and insertings. Tomorrow at **9 1/2c** A special lot of scarce Embroidery Readings, in as many as 25 new patterns. Good, desirable widths, and just the styles you want. Special tomorrow, yard, only **5c**

8c and 10c Handkerchiefs.

Choice of Ladies', Men's, and Children's Handkerchiefs, some lace trimmed, plain hemstitched; others with fast color novelty borders. Regular 8c and 10c qualities. Some are muslin. Tomorrow on a **3 1/2c** bargain table at...

Ribbon Rummage.

Regular 15c quality All-Black Double-faced Satin Ribbon, good widths. In tomorrow's Rummage Sale. **9c** per yard, at... 10-yard pieces of narrow Black Velvet Ribbon, with fast selvage edge. Not the "cut goods." Regular price is 21c per piece. Tomorrow for... **14c**

Towel Rummage.

100 dozen extra large size Cotton Honeycomb Towels (measured); all pure white; fast selvage edges; and fringed at the ends; the soft finish, absorbent sort. Instead of **92c** 12 1/2c—Special, each... 125 dozen large size unbleached Turkish Towels, made of soft twisted cotton yarn; neat, fast-colored borders, and fringed at the ends **54c** Special, each...